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1. Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 CFR 1.97(b) (1 page);
2. Form PTO-1449 (1 page) (submitted in duplicate);
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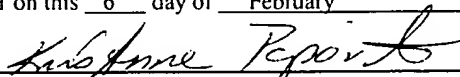
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